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|   |   | Examiner Name          | Richard Thomas Price, Jr. |
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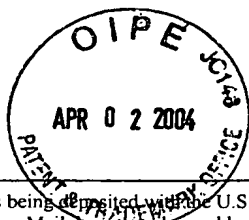
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| Applicant(s): Harold J. Steffler et al.  |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
| Invention: SYSTEM FOR HARVESTING ANIMAL PARTS  |   |   |                                   |                              |      |
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

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